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**NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey
Study #6092
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Margins of Error for Subsample Questions		
Question Number	Subsample	Margin Of Error (+/-)
7, 17, 25, 27, 30	Half sample (Form A)	4.4
7, 17, 30	Half sample (Form B)	4.4

Interviews: 1,007 adults, including
101 reached by cell phone
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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

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4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>9/6- 8/08+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>11/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>12/08</u>	
Approve.....	27	27	27	29	30	34	88	27	[145]
Disapprove.....	67	67	66	66	65	61	7	67	
Not sure.....	6	6	7	5	5	5	5	6	
	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	
	31	30	28	27	32	32	29	35	
	64	64	66	66	63	63	66	60	
	5	6	6	7	5	5	5	5	
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
	37	39	46	50	45	54	56	54	
	58	54	49	44	49	41	38	40	
	5	7	5	6	6	6	6	6	
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>					
	69	82	50	57					
	23	13	35	22					
	8	5	15	21					

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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition and his preparations for becoming president?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Approve	71	73	[146]
Disapprove	14	13	
Not sure	15	14	

7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[148]
January 2009	13	18	11	17	41	-	
December 2008.....	11	20	10	16	43	-	
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-	
October 4-5, 2008+	12	18	12	13	45	-	
September 19-22, 2008+ ..	13	17	11	13	46	-	
September 6-8, 2008+	15	18	12	14	41	-	
August 2008+	15	19	11	15	40	-	
July 2008+.....	14	18	10	16	42	-	
June 2008+	11	19	10	16	44	-	
April 2008+	12	19	13	14	42	-	
March 24-25, 2008+	16	17	12	13	41	1	
March 7-10, 2008+	16	18	10	12	43	1	
January 2008	14	18	10	17	40	1	
June 2007	12	20	11	15	42	-	
January 2007	17	18	12	17	35	1	
June 2006	18	21	9	15	37	-	
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
January 2005	32	19	9	15	25	-	
June 2004+	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004	38	17	8	13	24	-	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003	36	20	12	16	16	-	
June 2002	43	27	11	10	9	-	
January 2002	53	26	10	7	4	-	
June 2001	30	23	16	15	15	1	
January 2001	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-	

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Q.7 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Barack Obama							[149/155]
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3	
December 2008	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 24-25, 2008+	24	25	18	16	16	1	
March 7-10, 2008+	25	26	18	13	15	3	
January 2008	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007	18	19	26	11	6	20	
December 2006	17	18	18	7	6	34	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<i>High</i>							
December 2008	45	22	15	8	8	2	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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11b. Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? [210]

	Barack Obama <u>1/09</u>	George W. Bush <u>3/06</u>	Bill Clinton <u>6/96+</u>	George H.W. Bush <u>10/91</u>	Ronald Reagan ¹ <u>1/87</u>
Like personally and approve most policies	55	29	36	43	39
Like personally but disapprove of many policies	22	28	19	35	27
Don't like personally, approve most of policies	5	4	14	7	6
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies	10	38	27	12	25
None of these (VOL)	3	1	2	1	NA
Not sure	5	-	2	2	4

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¹ 1987 comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Cambridge Reports/Research International.

17. I'm going to list areas in which some people are concerned that Barack Obama will go too far. For each one, please tell me whether this is something you are concerned about or not something you are concerned about.

When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, are you concerned that Barack Obama will go too far, or not?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY CONCERNED OBAMA WILL GO TO FAR

Concerned Not Not

	<u>Obama Will Go Too Far</u>	<u>Concerned Obama Will Go Too Far</u>	<u>Sure</u>	
Providing financial aid and loans to corporations that are facing bankruptcy **	52	42	6	[240]
Making the health care system large and bureaucratic *	49	46	5	[236]
Raising taxes *	49	46	5	[237]
Spending too much on the economic stimulus program	46	49	5	[234/239]
Pulling American troops out of Iraq too quickly *	41	56	3	[238]
Appointing liberal justices to the Supreme Court *	38	57	5	[235]
Supporting labor union programs and policies **	37	54	9	[243]
Promoting a liberal agenda on social issues such as gay rights and abortion **	36	57	7	[241]
Promoting an environmental agenda **	26	69	5	[242]

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25. Which one of the following do you think best applies to the economic recession the country is in? *

It is almost over	1	[276]
It will be over within the next six months.....	3	
It will be over between six months and one year	20	
It will be over between one to three years	57	
It will go on for more than three years	17	
Not sure.....	2	

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26. Do you think that the recently proposed economic stimulus legislation is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

Good idea.....	43	[277]
Bad idea	27	
Do not have an opinion.....	24	
Not sure.....	6	

27. Which of the following concerns you more?

That the federal government will spend too MUCH money to try to boost the economy and as a result will drive up the budget deficit, OR

That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money to try to boost the economy and as a result the recession will be longer? **

	<u>1/09*</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
That the federal government will spend too MUCH money	60	56	[278]
That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money	33	36	
Not sure	7	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

30. Now I would like to read you several parts of the economic stimulus legislation that is designed to help deal with the current economic recession. For each element, please tell me whether it is a good idea or a bad idea.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD IDEA

	<u>Good Idea</u>	<u>Bad Idea</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Creating jobs through increasing production of renewable energy and making schools and public buildings more energy efficient **	89	8	3	[313]
Creating jobs through building or repairing roads and bridges *	85	12	3	[311]
Placing the details of the legislation online so citizens can track how the money is being spent. **	84	13	3	[315]
Providing tax incentives to businesses that create jobs or invest in new equipment *	82	13	5	[309]
Providing aid to states for Medicaid and educational programs to avoid cuts to these programs *	76	19	5	[310]
Providing five-hundred-dollar tax cuts to workers and up to one thousand dollars for households making less than two hundred thousand dollars	67	27	6	[308/312]
Expanding government-assisted health insurance coverage and unemployment benefits **	65	28	7	[314]